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REMARKS

- 25X1 1. On 9 January 1952, about 140 young soldiers, apparently recruits, received individual training at the drill ground of the Trost Kaserne, Vienna X. Three  
25X1 other groups of soldiers practiced with three AT guns without muzzle brakes, while other soldiers practiced with light machine guns on tripod mounts  
25X1 and heavy Maxim machine guns. Five tank trucks                       
25X1                      carrying a fuel container were observed at the  
25X1 fuel dump of the Trost Kaserne. A few soldiers wearing red-bordered black  
25X1 epaulets were seen in the yard of the garage near the water tower. No motor  
25X1 vehicles were seen. The windows of the garage were boarded up. One AT gun  
25X1 was observed standing near one of the gates. A cable of about 12 strands  
25X1 led from the Trost Kaserne to the opposite building. Previously, there had  
25X1 been only a two strand cable. The cable contained wires leading to offices  
25X1 on the second floor of the building which also housed an officers' mess on  
25X1 its first floor. Jeep              and truck             , were parked in front  
25X1             . Their drivers wore red-bordered black epaulets. A military  
25X1 band of platoon strength was rehearsing in the barracks yard of the Trost  
25X1 Kaserne. Coal was unloaded there
- 25X1 2. Soldiers including sentries wearing red-bordered black epaulets and about  
25X1 15 trucks and 4 armored scout cars were observed at the garage on Alxinger-  
25X1 strasse. Truck              was parked in front of the repair shop. The armored  
25X1 scout cars were observed at the garage for the first time. The sedans and  
25X1 jeeps                      which were frequently  
25X1 observed at the repair shop were no longer seen there.
- 25X1 3. The sentry in front of the garage on Fernerstorferstrasse wore red-bordered  
25X1 black epaulets. About 20 vehicles were observed there. They included trucks  
25X1                       
25X1                      Armored scout cars  
25X1 or armored trucks were no longer seen at this garage. Furthermore, the number  
25X1 of trucks there had decreased from 40 to 20.
4. The hospital on Leibnizgasse was still guarded by sentries who wore red-border-  
ed black epaulets. Ambulance              and trucks               
were parked in front of the installation. No changes were observed pertaining  
to the ammunition dump at the intersection of Gussriegelstrasse and Buchen-  
gasse, which was guarded by a sentry with red-bordered black epaulets, or  
pertaining to the fuel dump on Siccardburgasse. \*\*

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5. The field bakery, formerly on Davidgasse, was no longer there. The installation at 57 Columbusgasse was no longer occupied.

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- \*  Comment. The building opposite the Trost Kaserne appears to have been recently occupied by the Hq 14th Cds Mecz Regt of the 13th Cds Mecz Div. Jeep  which belongs to the Hq 13th Cds Mecz Div, was also observed in the Soviet quarters of the former Bundesgewerbeschule, Moedling, on 11 January 1952.

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